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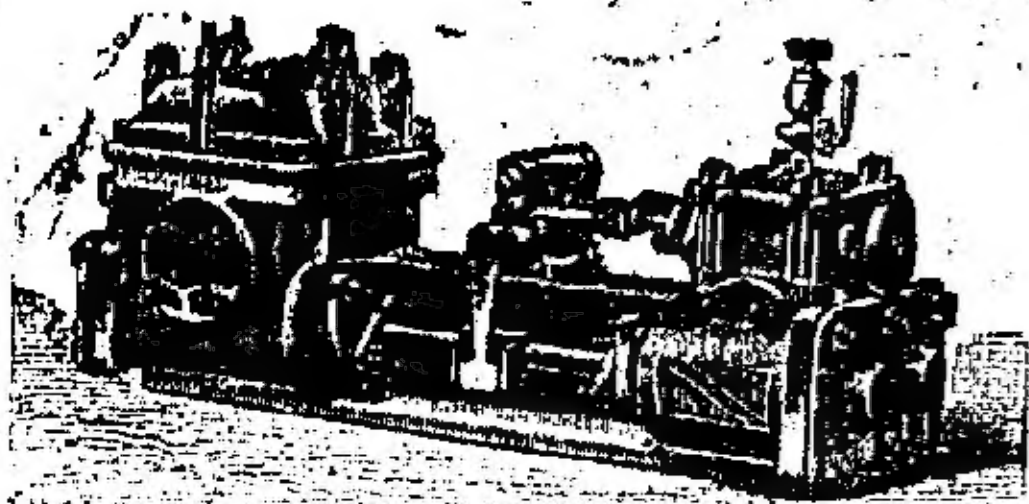
HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 15, 1899.

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Business Notices.

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Assets on 31st Dec., 1898 ... \$23,826,937
Total Liabilities do. ... \$21,887,251
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Apply for Particulars of the "Guaranteed Cash Value Policy" to the Branch Office for South China.
No. 4, Lee House Street.
F. KIFNE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, May 2, 1899.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT upon Contributions for the year 1898, has been Declared. WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st May.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.
Hongkong April 10, 1899.

BEST YUBARI LUMP COAL, FOR SALE.

WE hereby give Notice that we have on Hand from YUBARI LUMP COAL, on Hand from YUBARI LUMP COAL, and have 14 OLD BRASS RAFTS, for use on Steamers. Apply to
KWONG MAN WO,
No. 132, Bonham Street, West.
Hongkong, May 8, 1899.

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SOME SHAREHOLDERS not having applied for the PREFERENCE Shares to which they are entitled, the Surplus will be allotted to existing Shareholders in proportion to the Number of Shares held by them, if applied for on or before 17th Instant.

LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1899.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE
A Certificate for 100 Shares Numbered 16972/17071 Standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Miss ELLEN FARRELL BROWN, having been LOST.
Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 100 Shares will be issued One Month hence, and that the Original Certificate unless produced within that Period will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 3, 1899.

W. POWELL & Co.

EX. S. S. SHANGHAI,
NEW STOCK OF LADIES'
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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES
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FOR: STEAMSHIP: CAPTAIN: DATE:
LONDON ... Candia ... W. H. HAUGHTON, R.N.R. ... At 17th May.
Kobe (Direct) ... F. C. A. LYON, R.N.R. ... About 17th May.
SHANGHAI ... G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R. ... About 19th May.
Kobe & Y.M.A. Japan ... G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R. ... About 19th May.
SHANGHAI ... G. C. HENNING, R.N.R. ... About 23rd May.
LONDON, &c. ... A. SIMONS ... Noon, 27th May.
YOKOHAMA ... C. H. WATKINS, R.N.R. ... 4 p.m., 27th May.
LONDON ... J. CHELSEA, R.N.R. ... About 1st June.
See Special Advertisement. † For Freight, (only).
For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, May 15, 1899.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

FOR COMFORT UNSURPASSED
IN
ASIA.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

VERY RARE OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY
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One of the Oldest and Best Known Whiskies in the Colony.
FINEST OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
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A very fine blend, Matured and Mellow.

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1898.
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Per Dozen \$7.00.

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Hongkong—May 1, 1899.

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Well appointed Rooms, at entire Service, and excellent Cuisine.
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SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS' OLD
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BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.
These are the finest productions of Scotland, devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.

THE CREME DE LA CREME OF WHISKIES.

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Sole Importers,
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SERRAVALLO'S TONIC (BARK AND IRON WINE)

Strengthens the stomach, braces the vital system,
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AN IDEAL TONIC.

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

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THE KING OF TABLE WATERS.
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TRIPLE ORANGE GRANDE-CHAMPAGNE GRAND MARNIER LIQUOR.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 101 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

Turnabout and Lamock Light-houses.

NOTICE is hereby given that the alterations in the character of the Turnabout and Lamock Lights, as described in Notice to Mariners, No. 332, will shortly be taken in hand.
Should it be necessary to extinguish either of these lights while the Change is being made, two seventh order lens lanterns will be exhibited from the light tower gallery, one on the West side and one on the East side.
Either one or both of these lights may be seen according to their bearing.
W. FERD. TYLER,
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

Shanghai, 8th May, 1899.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of \$1.00 per Share has been made in respect of the "B" SHARES in the above-named Company, and that such CALL is PAYABLE to the General Managers, on the 5th day of July next, at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 4, 1899.

FACILITIES FOR ICE AT KOWLOON.

THE Hongkong Ice Co., Limited, having appointed me agent for the sale of their Ice at Kowloon, residents of that district are informed that Ice can now be had at any store there, at Hongkong rates.

H. RUTIMAN,
Eight Street, Kowloon.
Hongkong, May 3, 1899.

DENTISTRY. SUI SANG, (Lately Practising with Dr. L. SIKAWA) DENTIST.

No. 4, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, January 1, 1898.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM- WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

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7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.—Every quarter of an hour.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.—Every ten minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.—Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.
3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.
6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.—Every 15 minutes.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SATURDAYS.
Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.
8.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.—Every half hour.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.—Every ten minutes.
Noon to 2 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.
2.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 1, 1899.

HONGKONG TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE.

TYPEWRITER and SHORTHAND WORK of every Description accurately and promptly executed. Travelers desiring it, can dictate letters or other papers to stenographers, who will call at Home on receipt of postal or note, and deliver work within a few hours, thus relieving them of hours of tiresome work. TYPEWRITERS REPAIRED, cleaned and refilled. Send us your MACHINE if out of order and we will put it in shape for you. HONGKONG TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, 12 Cochrane Street, Over Campbell's Restaurant, Hongkong, 24th April, 1899.

AMERICAN SYSTEM DENTISTRY.

38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
CHADWICK & CO.
(Late of Fraser and Neave)
Hongkong, 1st May, 1899.

Foreign Ports to which she exports and from which she imports

Station has interfered with our junk trade in the past is problematical, and the only solution to be arrived at is by inference, since all direct proof is wanting. There can be no question as to China's undeniable right to collect her customs revenue from

It is impossible to say that our junk trade would have been larger if she had collected her Customs duties at the ports of origin and destination of the goods, instead of at intermediate stations close on our border.

was only 88 per cent; and, if certain Licensed Junks which are engaged by the conservancy and dust contractors and which have only been taken into our returns during the last few years, were omitted, the decrease would be even more marked.

On the other hand, our returns show an increase of European ocean-going tonnage

Some returns show an increase in the number of junks trading to and from Hongkong, and passing the stations, of 80.37 per cent, and it is very probable that the Customs returns are far more accurate with regard to junks than our own, the circumstances of a Free Port, added to the difficulty of distinguishing and identifying native craft, together with the well-known proficiency of the Chinese in the art of smuggling.

renders the task of keeping an absolutely correct return of some 50,000 or 60,000 junks annually almost impossible with a staff of two Junk Inspectors in Victoria and no one at the depots—whose sole duty it is, and I am forced to the conclusion that a number of these junks come and go without leaving any trace on our records. In 1897 as in 1877 incorrect returns would in all probability account for a further 10 per cent of the total.

In 1893, this Department began to try to gauge the amount of cargo tonnage represented by the registered tonnage of the Shipping frequenting the Port. There is no special staff or machinery for this and its correctness or otherwise depends on reports and returns made direct from the Shipping, or through the Agents.

given as 7,717,910 tons. In that year the United States exported 840,177 tons. In 1897 the European cargo was 2,954,458 and Japanese cargo 654,320. Assuming for argument that the cargo exported by junks was entirely made up of that discharged from the ocean-going European ships, these junks distributed 51 per cent in 1894, and 54 per cent in 1897 was a bad year for junks.

But the Customs returns furnish a still better fact from which to draw our inference, namely the rise of the trade junks in value between Hongkong and China. In 1888 their value was HK. 33,495,526, in 1893 it was HK. 39,908,740, and in 1897 it was 39,991,410, giving an increase of 10 per cent in the 10 years to put against an increase of 25 per cent in the register tonnage of European steamers.

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Category	Ocean-going tonnage	Imports from Foreign Countries	Imports from Foreign Countries
1900	6,978,493	15,638,853	15,638,853
1910	8,016,498	19,804,593	19,804,593
1920	9,302,175	17,960,328	17,960,328
1930	8,081,407	13,287,353	13,287,353
1940	7,330,763	13,458,308	13,458,308
1950	7,133,565	17,663,217	17,663,217
1960	8,211,436	15,326,745	15,326,745
1970	8,971,438	31,686,693	31,686,693
1980	8,750,878	31,124,068	31,124,068
1990	8,750,878	13,027,226	13,027,226

Still another test that can be applied is this. In 1993 (the first year that we collected the cargo returns) European tonnage discharged 2,717,910 tons of cargo and the value of foreign goods exported from Hong-kong to China by junk, according to the Customs return, was HK. Tls. 17,663,217

1896 the ratio had risen to 1 ton to 8 Hk. Tls, but it dropped in 1897 to 1 ton to 5 Hk. Tls., owing in the opinion of the Commissioner of Customs, to transit privileges favouring at that time shipments in European bottoms instead of in junks.

Whether or not there should be a fixed ratio between total European tonnage and the total junk tonnage frequenting the port, is, I think, very doubtful, because, in the first place, junks are not the sole distributors except to non-treasury ports.

from which it is probable trade does not expand rapidly, and, in the next place, the European tonnage is not solely employed in the carriage of goods to be distributed from Hongkong as a centre, for a not inconsiderable portion of the cargoes are in transit to more distant ports.

In 1893 the cargo discharged in Hongkong from ocean-going ships amounted to 74 per cent. of the registered tonnage arriving, and the transit cargo was 36 per cent., in 1897 the cargo discharged was only 59 per cent. while the transit cargo had

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bison Piano Co.

Tan Shuangchi Engineering, Shipbuilding,
and Dock Co. have just been entrusted
with the order to build two large steamers
for the Tientsin-Shanghai trade of the
China Merchants Co.—Mercury.

The *Tientsin Morning Post* of the 9th inst. reports:
"Immigration has proved to be the most
comfortable class and new laborers have
been leaving Manila. A large number of
the troops here in Hongkong, well provided
with gun and rain, and many of the officers
quarters are better than those enjoyed in

The inhabitants undoubtedly left the places on short notice, for the houses are, or were, almost intact, scarcely anything having taken away, even houses being built of mud. Some very funny things are to be seen about the streets—black swallows and cats and store-pipe hats, walking about in pairs of brown, camouflaged trousers and leggings and occasionally a pair of the best army boots sticking out from under a striped gaily striped skirt. The people are, I gathered, the same as the people of the houses here.

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